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RMKS/1. THE THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN (TSP) FOR ACTIVE DUTY NAVY PERSONNEL AND NAVAL RESERVISTS IN A PAY STATUS AUTHORIZED BY REFERENCES A THROUGH C IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 9 OCT 01. THE SPECIAL 60 DAY OPEN SEASON WILL END 8 DEC 01. THE REGULAR OPEN SEASON ENDS 31 JAN 02. FINAL APPROVAL OF TSP DIRECTIVES, REFERENCES D THROUGH F, ARE STILL PENDING. HOWEVER, FOR INFORMATION AND PLANNING PURPOSES, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING NAVY MEMBERS' PARTICIPATION IN TSP IS PROVIDED.

2. TSP IS A RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AS PART OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACT OF 1986 (P.L. 99-335) WHICH IS CODIFIED IN 5 U.S.C. 8431-8440D. PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN FOR UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2000 (P.L. 106-65, 5 OCT 99) AND BY AN AMENDMENT IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2001 (P.L. 106-398, 30 OCT 00). THE PLAN OFFERS TAX DEFERRAL ADVANTAGES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (IRA) OR 401(K) PLAN THAT ALLOWS EMPLOYEES TO SAVE AND INVEST FOR THEIR OWN RETIREMENT.

THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD (FRTIB) WHICH OPERATES THE PLAN SOLELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES, ADMINISTERS THE PLAN AND PUBLISHES REGULATIONS IN TITLE 5, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND OPERATING GUIDANCE IN PERIODIC BULLETINS.

3. FROM HEREON THE UNIFORMED SERVICES THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN WILL BE REFERRED TO AS UNISERV TSP, TSP, OR THE PLAN.

4. THE FOLLOWING WEB SITES CONTAIN INFORMATION ON TSP.
[HTTP://WWW.TSP.GOV/UNISERV/INDEX.HTML](http://www.TSP.GOV/UNISERV/INDEX.HTML) IS THE UNISERV TSP PAGE. IT PROVIDES DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM.
[HTTP://WWW.TSP.GOV/UNISERV/FORMS/TSPBK-U-08.PDF](http://www.TSP.GOV/UNISERV/FORMS/TSPBK-U-08.PDF) PROVIDES A DETAILED PROGRAM SUMMARY OF UNISERV TSP AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON-LINE, DOWNLOADING, OR PRINTING. THIS BOOKLET IS THE AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE TSP AND SHOULD BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED BEFORE MAKING ANY INVESTMENT DECISIONS. A PRINTED COPY OF THE PLAN SUMMARY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER 2001.
[HTTP://WWW.TSP.GOV/FEATURES/INDEX.HTML](http://www.TSP.GOV/FEATURES/INDEX.HTML) CONTAINS BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN.
[HTTP://WWW.TSP.GOV/UNISERV/FORMS/TSPBK-U-08.PDF](http://www.TSP.GOV/UNISERV/FORMS/TSPBK-U-08.PDF) PROVIDES ANSWERS TO THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION ABOUT UNISERV TSP.
[HTTP://WWW.TSP.GOV/RATES/INDEX.HTML](http://www.TSP.GOV/RATES/INDEX.HTML) PROVIDES A 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE 5 INVESTMENT FUNDS, MONTHLY RETURN FACT SHEETS, HISTORICAL RATES OF RETURN, AND QUESTIONS ABOUT RATES OF RETURN.

5. COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL ADVISE ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO ENROLL IN THE TSP AND TO RECEIVE TSP TRAINING. COMMAND SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISORS, NAVY COUNSELORS, THOSE SERVING IN THE CAPACITY OF COMMAND/UNIT CAREER COUNSELOR, AND COMMAND FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS SHALL CONDUCT TSP TRAINING AND COUNSELING FOR MEMBERS OF THE NAVAL RESERVE.

6. A TSP POWER POINT PRESENTATION IS AVAILABLE AT
[HTTP://WWW.NAVRES.NAVY.MIL/NAVRESFOR/N1/TSP.HTML](http://www.NAVRES.NAVY.MIL/NAVRESFOR/N1/TSP.HTML). THIS IS MANDATORY TRAINING FOR ALL PERSONNEL LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE. COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL PERSONNEL TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE WEB SITES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 AND THIS PARAGRAPH BEFORE MAKING A TSP ELECTION. MUSTER SHEETS OR PAGE THIRTEEN DOCUMENTATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR TSP TRAINING. A LINK TO A PAGE THIRTEEN FOR COMPLETED TRAINING IS AVAILABLE AT
[HTTP://WWW.NAVRES.NAVY.MIL/NAVRESFOR/N1/TSP.HTML](http://www.NAVRES.NAVY.MIL/NAVRESFOR/N1/TSP.HTML).

7. PERSONNEL APPLYING FOR ANY BONUS MUST INDICATE TSP ENROLLMENT STATUS. A BONUS COVER LETTER CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM
[WWW.NAVRES.NAVY.MIL/NAVRESFOR/N1/ZIP/APPR.LTR.ZIP.//](http://www.NAVRES.NAVY.MIL/NAVRESFOR/N1/ZIP/APPR.LTR.ZIP.//)

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